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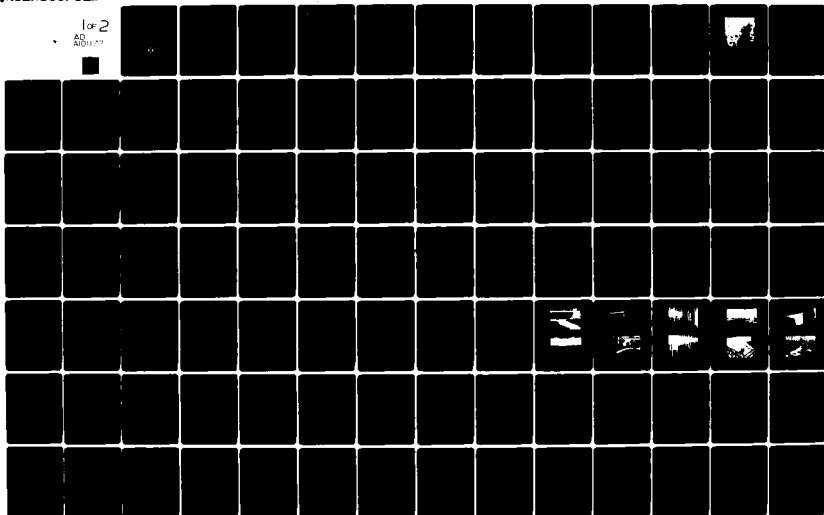
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Honorable Brendan T. Byrne  
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15 JUN 1981

Dear Governor Byrne:

Inclosed is the Phase I Inspection Report for Cherokee Lake Dam in Morris County, New Jersey which has been prepared under authorization of the Dam Inspection Act, Public Law 92-367. A brief assessment of the dam's condition is given in the front of the report.

Based on visual inspection, available records, calculations and past operational performance, Cherokee Lake Dam, initially listed as a high hazard potential structure, but reduced to a significant hazard potential structure as a result of this inspection is judged to be in fair overall condition. The dam's spillway is considered inadequate because a flow equivalent to 57 percent of the One Hundred Year Flood would cause the dam to be overtopped. To ensure adequacy of the structure, the following actions, as a minimum, are recommended:

a. The spillway's adequacy should be determined by a qualified professional consultant engaged by the owner using more sophisticated methods, procedures and studies within six months from the date of approval of this report. Within three months of the consultant's findings remedial measures to ensure spillway adequacy should be initiated.

b. Within six months from the date of approval of this report the following remedial actions should be initiated:

(1) All trees and adverse vegetation on the embankment should be removed and the surfaces properly stabilized.

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(8) The two areas of seepage observed at the toe of the dam should be monitored in order to detect any changes in their condition.

c. The owner should develop written operating procedures and a periodic maintenance plan to ensure the safety of the dam within one year from the date of approval of this report.

d. An emergency action plan should be developed which outlines actions to be taken by the owner to minimize the downstream effects of an emergency at the dam within six months from the date of approval of this report.

A copy of the report is being furnished to Mr. Dirk C. Hofman, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, the designated State Office contact for this program. Within five days of the date of this letter, a copy will also be sent to Congressman Courter of the Thirteenth District. Under the provision of the Freedom of Information Act, the inspection report will be subject to release by this office, upon request, five days after the date of this letter.

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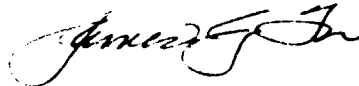
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An important aspect of the Dam Inspection Program will be the implementation of the recommendations made as a result of the inspection. We accordingly request that we be advised of proposed actions taken by the State to implement our recommendations.

Sincerely,



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CHEROKEE LAKE DAM (NJ00785)

CORPS OF ENGINEERS ASSESSMENT OF GENERAL CONDITIONS

This dam was inspected on 24 December 1980 by Storch Engineers, under contract to the State of New Jersey. The State, under agreement with the U.S. Army Engineer District, Philadelphia, had this inspection performed in accordance with the National Dam Inspection Act, Public Law 92-367.

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DATE: *15 Jan 1961*

PHASE I REPORT  
NATIONAL DAM SAFETY PROGRAM

Name of Dam: Cherokee Lake Dam, NJ00785  
State Located: New Jersey  
Located: Morris  
Drainage Basin: Raritan River  
Stream: India Brook  
Date of Inspection: December 24, 1980

Assessment of General Condition of Dam

Based on available records, past operational performance, visual inspection and Phase I engineering analysis, Cherokee Lake Dam is assessed as being in overall fair condition.

Based on investigations of the downstream flood plain made in connection with this report, it is recommended that the hazard potential classification be downgraded from high to significant hazard.

Hydraulic and hydrologic analyses indicate that the spillway is inadequate. Discharge from the spillway is not sufficient to pass the designated spillway design floor (100-year storm) without an overtopping of the dam. The spillway is capable of passing approximately 56 percent of the SDF. Therefore, the owner should engage a professional engineer experienced in the design and construction of dams in the near future to perform more accurate hydraulic and hydrologic analyses relating to the spillway capacity. Based on the findings of the analyses, the need for and type of remedial measures should be determined and then implemented.

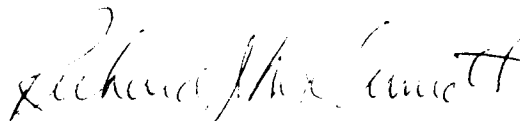
The owner should, in the near future, develop an emergency action plan together with an effective warning system outlining actions to be taken by the operator to minimize downstream effect of an emergency at the dam.

Two areas of seepage were observed at the toe of dam. Arrangements should be made in the near future to monitor the seepage in order to detect any changes in its condition. The monitoring should be performed by a professional engineer experienced in the design and construction of dams.

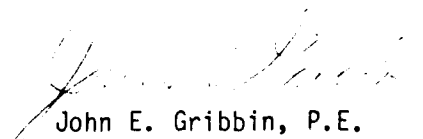
In addition, it is recommended that the following remedial measures be undertaken in the near future:

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In the future, the owner of the dam should develop written operating procedures and a periodic maintenance plan to ensure the safety of the dam.



Richard J. McDermott, P.E.



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OVERVIEW - CHEROKEE LAKE DAM

20 JANUARY 1961

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## PREFACE

This report is prepared under guidance contained in the Recommended Guidelines for Safety Inspection of Dams, for Phase I Investigations. Copies of these guidelines may be obtained from the Office of Chief of Engineers, Washington, D.C. 20314. The purpose of a Phase I Investigation is to identify expeditiously those dams which may pose hazards to human life or property. The assessment of the general condition of the dam is based upon available data and visual inspections. Detailed investigation, and analyses involving topographic mapping, subsurface investigations, testing, and detailed computational evaluations are beyond the scope of a Phase I investigation; however, the investigation is intended to identify any need for such studies.

In reviewing this report, it should be realized that the reported condition of the dam is based on observations of field conditions at the time of inspection along with data available to the inspection team. It is important to note that the condition of dam depends on numerous and constantly changing internal and external conditions, and is evolutionary in nature. It would be incorrect to assume that the present condition of the dam will continue to represent the condition of the dam at some point in the future. Only through continued care and inspection can there be any chance that the unsafe conditions be detected.

Phase I inspections are not intended to provide detailed hydraulic and hydrologic analyses. In accordance with the established Guidelines, the Spillway Test flood is based on the estimated "Probable Maximum Flood" for the region (greatest reasonably possible storm runoff), or fractions thereof. The test flood provides a measure of relative spillway capacity and serves as an aid in determining the need for more detailed hydraulic and hydrologic studies, considering the size of the dam, its general condition and the downstream damage potential.

PHASE I INSPECTION REPORT  
NATIONAL DAM SAFETY PROGRAM

CHEROKEE LAKE DAM, I.D. NJ00785

SECTION 1: PROJECT INFORMATION

1.1 General

a. Authority

Public Law 92-367, August 8, 1972, authorized the Secretary of the Army, through the Corps of Engineers, to initiate a National Program of Dam Inspection throughout the United States. The Division of Water Resources of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) in cooperation with the Philadelphia District of the Corps of Engineers has been assigned the responsibility of supervising the inspection of dams within the State of New Jersey. Storch Engineers has been retained by the NJDEP to inspect and report on a selected group of these dams. The NJDEP is under agreement with the Philadelphia District of the Corps of Engineers.

b. Purpose of Inspection

The visual inspection of Cherokee Lake Dam was made on December 24, 1980. The purpose of the inspection was to make a general assessment of the structural integrity and operational adequacy of the dam structure and its appurtenances.



## 1.2 Description of Project

### a. Description of Dam and Appurtenances

The facilities at Cherokee Lake Dam consist of an earthfill dam with two uncontrolled spillways and one outlet works.

The earthfill embankment is approximately 585 feet long and extends approximately west to east. The embankment crest is about 8 feet wide. The downstream embankment slope is 2.5 horizontal to 1 vertical while the upstream face of the embankment has a slope of 1.0 horizontal to 1 vertical above the water line. The height of the dam is 11.4 feet.

The principal spillway consists of a two-stage concrete weir. The primary and secondary weirs of the spillway are broad crested weirs with effective lengths of 10.3 feet and 13.7 feet respectively. The secondary spillway crest elevation is 935.6 National Geodetic Vertical Datum (N.G.V.D.), while the elevation of the primary spillway is 935.0, about 3.3 feet below the embankment crest.

The outlet works consist of two low level pipes transversely penetrating the dam. The pipes are regulated by valves at their downstream end. The valves are enclosed in a cinder block housing at the downstream toe of the dam.

The emergency spillway is located adjacent to the right, or west, end of the embankment. The spillway consists of a grassed irregularly shaped low area in the lake bank. The spillway crest consists of a level section 20 feet in length at elevation 936.0. The outlet channel discharges into a diversion channel extending around the right side of the lake. The diversion channel is an earth channel connecting the inflow channel at the upstream end of the lake with the downstream channel.

b. Location

Cherokee Lake Dam is located in the Township of Randolph, Morris County, New Jersey. Constructed across India Brook, it impounds Cherokee Lake. India Brook joins the North Branch, Raritan River approximately 4.0 miles downstream from the dam. Principal access to the dam is by local roads off Sussex Turnpike about 2.5 miles south of its intersection with N.J. Route 10.

c. Size and Hazard Classification

The dam is classified in accordance with criteria presented in "Recommended Guidelines for Safety Inspection of Dams" published by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Size categories consist of Small, Intermediate and Large while hazard categories are designated as Low, Significant and High.

Size Classification: Cherokee Lake Dam is classified as "Small" size since its maximum storage volume is 59 acre-feet (which is less than 1000 acre-feet) and its height is 11.4 feet (which is less than 40 feet).

Hazard Classification: Visual inspection of the downstream flood plain of the dam together with breach analysis indicate that failure of the dam due to overtopping would not inundate the two dwellings located adjacent to the downstream channel 2200 feet from the dam, and less than a few lives would be expected to be lost. Dam failure could, however, cause damage to the road bridge (Calais Road) located 2100 feet from the dam. Accordingly, Cherokee Lake Dam is classified as "Significant" hazard.

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d. Ownership

Cherokee Lake Dam is owned by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Paterson, 777 Valley Road, Clifton, N.J. 07013. The property is leased by the Diocese of Paterson, Special Youth Services Program; Father Casey, Director.

e. Purpose of Dam

The purpose of the dam is the impoundment of a recreational lake facility.

f. Design and Construction History

The dam was designed in 1948 by the firm of N.M. Lake. Reportedly, no alterations or repairs have been made since the dam was constructed.

g. Normal Operational Procedures

Reportedly, no regular maintenance of the dam is performed. Regular maintenance of Cherokee Lake beach area reportedly is performed by The Special Youth Service Program.

1.3 Pertinent Data

a. Drainage Area 0.70 square miles

b. Discharge at Damsite

Maximum flood at damsite	Unknown
Outlet works at normal pool elevation	20 cfs.
Spillway capacity at top of dam	412 cfs

c. Elevation (N.G.V.D.)

Top of Dam	937.5
Maximum pool-design surcharge	937.8
Principal spillway crest	935.0
Emergency spillway crest	936.0
Stream bed at centerline of dam	926.1
Maximum tailwater	932

d. Reservoir

Length of design surcharge	850 feet (Estimated)
Length of normal pool	600 feet (Scaled)

e. Storage (Acre-feet)

SDF maximum stage	61
Normal pool	35
Top of dam	59

f. Reservoir Surface (acres)

SDF maximum stage	15.0 (Estimated)
Normal pool	5.9
Top of dam	14.7 (Estimated)

g. Dam

Type	Earthfill
Length	680 feet
Height	11.4 feet
Sideslopes - Upstream	1 horiz. to 1 vert.
- Downstream	2.5 horiz. to 2 vert.
Zoning	Clay/Fine Clay
Impervious core	Unknown

Cutoff	Clay trench along centerline of dam
Grout curtain	None
h. Diversion and Regulating Tunnel	N.A.
i. Spillway	
Type	Concrete Weir
Length of weir - Primary	10.3 feet
- Secondary	13.7 feet
Crest elevation	935.0
Gates - Primary	935.6
- Secondary	N.A.
Upstream channel	N.A.
Downstream channel	Natural Stream
j. Emergency Spillway	
Type	Irregular grassed channel
Bottom width	20 feet
Sideslopes	Irregular
Crest elevation	936.0
Gates	None
Upstream slope	Unknown
Downstream slope	Unknown
k. Regulating Outlet	
Twin 10" dia. pipes (Non-operable)	

## SECTION 2: ENGINEERING DATA

### 2.1 Design

Construction drawings titled "Proposed Dam at Mt. Freedom" prepared by N.M. Lake, Civil Engineer, for the Mt. Freedom Development Corp., dated March 10, 1948, are available in the files of the NJDEP, Division of Water Resources.

In addition, hydraulic/hydrologic design calculations and construction specifications are contained in the NJDEP file and are summarized as follows:

Design inflow was based on an average of the North Jersey and Central Jersey curves and was found to be 300 c.f.s. Spillway discharge capacity with freeboard was found to be 354 c.f.s. The spillway discharge calculations did not account for a low area (emergency spillway) along the lake shore.

### 2.2 Construction

Cherokee Lake Dam was constructed in 1948 by N.M. Lake, who also prepared the construction drawings. Five inspections were performed by the State of New Jersey during and after construction operations. As a result of inspection, it was found that approximately 250 feet of the embankment on the right side of the spillway, looking downstream, was up to 6 inches below the grade shown on the approved drawings. The State then advised the owner to establish the present grade at an elevation approximately 6 inches above the approved grade in order to allow for settlement.

Final inspection indicated that the dam had been completed in accordance with approved drawings.

In addition, two monthly progress reports and photos of the dam are contained in the NJDEP file.

### 2.3 Operation

Correspondence relating to the operation of the dam is available in the NJDEP file. The correspondence concerns complaints made in behalf of residents downstream from the dam who were concerned that the filling and subsequent operation of the lake would deprive them of the stream flow to which they were accustomed.

Additional correspondence indicates concern about possible effects of the dam on the quality of drinking water for the Borough of Mendham. Condition 10 of the New Jersey Water Policy Commission Permit provides for the eventual construction and maintenance of a water treatment plant downstream from the dam if needed to protect the Mendham drinking water supply. No evidence of construction of such treatment plant was obtained.

### 2.4 Evaluation

#### a. Availability

Available engineering information is limited to that which is on file with the NJDEP.

#### b. Adequacy

The NJDEP file information was of significant assistance in the performance of a Phase I evaluation. However, complete information needed to properly evaluate the dam was not available. A list of absent information is included in paragraph 7.1.b.



c. Validity

The available hydraulic analyses appear to be valid with respect to engineering practice generally accepted in 1948. However, they are not valid according to analytic procedures developed by the Corps of Engineers for the present inspection and assessment program.

It should be noted that concern was expressed by the State of New Jersey at the time of design that care should be taken to ensure that the design elevation of the top of dam be adhered to since hydraulic design was based on no freeboard.

## SECTION 3: VISUAL INSPECTION

### 3.1 Findings

#### a. General

Cherokee Lake Dam was inspected on December 24, 1980 by members of the staff of Storch Engineers. A copy of the visual inspection checklist is contained in Appendix 1. The following procedures were employed for the inspection:

- 1) The embankment of the dam, appurtenant structures and adjacent areas were examined.
- 2) The embankment and accessible appurtenant structures were measured and key elevations were determined by surveyor's level.
- 3) The embankment, appurtenant structures and adjacent areas were photographed.
- 4) The immediate downstream flood plain was toured to evaluate downstream development and restricting structures.

#### b. Dam

The upstream and downstream sides of the dam were thickly overgrown with trees, bushes and briars. The trees ranged in size from 2 inches to 12 inches. The grading of the downstream side appeared to be fairly uniform. The grading of the crest however, was fairly uniform for about 150 feet to the right of the spillway, at which point the crest elevation dropped about one foot and became more irregular. Also, at the point where the crest dropped, the downstream slope became steeper.

The upstream face of the dam appeared to be well graded, although there was no evidence of riprap. No animal holes were observed on the dam.

Seepage was observed at two locations along the toe of dam right of the outlet works. The seepage was in the form of wet spongy areas with standing water. The standing water was not frozen although the lake water was frozen. One area of standing water approximately 40 feet right of the outlet works had dimensions of 5 feet wide and 8 feet long, while the other area was about 1 foot square.

c. Appurtenant Structures

Principal Spillway

The general condition of the spillway was deteriorated. The primary stage of the weir, which consisted of a cut in its center, was considerably eroded and spalled due to overflow. The secondary stage appeared to be in generally satisfactory condition. At the downstream end of the apron, the discharge drops about 4 feet to a stilling basin below. The stilling basin contained a significant amount of debris, although some of it was obscured by considerable amounts of ice and snow. The timber sheetpile cutoff wall under the downstream end of the apron was mostly obscured by ice and snow. The left training wall was very deteriorated. The upstream end of the training wall at the waterline was completely eroded and spalled so that the upstream end is suspended with two reinforcing rods protruding from it down to the waterline. There was also considerable spalling over about 50 percent of the inside surface of the training wall. Also the edge of the training wall along the downstream side at the top was considerably spalled.

The pedestrian bridge spanning the spillway was rusted although it appeared generally sound.

### Outlet Works

A gate housing structure was observed at the toe of dam consisting of four cinder block walls which apparently at one time supported a roof. The roof was almost completely gone and the left cinder block wall had collapsed and was leaning on the left gate operating mechanism. The two gate operating mechanisms were rusted and did not appear to be in operational condition. The discharge end of the outlet pipes could not be observed. It appeared that the entire bottom of the structure was composed of soft spongy soil. The diversion stream which flows around the lake was located approximately 10 feet downstream from the gates.

#### d. Reservoir Area

The upstream end and right side of the reservoir was thickly wooded with banks approximately 3 to 5 feet high and the terrain beyond the banks sloping up gradually at a grade of approximately 4 percent. Along the left side of the lake the terrain is much more open and grass covered with an apparent beach comprising a portion of the area. Generally, the shore slopes along the left side were approximately 8 percent to a height of about 5 feet over the lake and then leveled off to a relatively flat slope.

#### e. Downstream Channel

The downstream channel is a natural stream with three to five foot high banks and a cobbly bottom. It is thickly wooded to the waterline. Approximately 75 feet downstream from the spillway the downstream channel joins the diversion channel which flows around the right side of the lake. Immediately downstream from the confluence there appeared to be considerable debris in in the stream. In the immediate vicinity of

the spillway and between the spillway and the confluence there was evidence of significant erosion on the banks of the downstream channel. Soil had been loosened and roots of trees exposed. Also, erosion was observed on the bank of the diversion channel at its bend point at the right end of the dam. The top of the erosion was approximately 2 1/2 to 3 feet above the invert of the stream, indicating occasional high flow.

## SECTION 4: OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES

### 4.1 Procedures

The level of water in Cherokee Lake Dam is regulated naturally by discharge over the spillway of the dam. Reportedly, the outlet is not used during times of intense storms to augment the spillway capacity.

### 4.2 Maintenance of the Dam

According to the owner and tenant of the property, there is no program of regular maintenance of the dam and appurtenant structures.

### 4.3 Maintenance of Operating Facilities

Reportedly, there is no program of regular maintenance of the operating facilities.

### 4.4 Description of Warning System

Reportedly, no formal warning system is in use at the present time.

### 4.5 Evaluation of Operational Adequacy

The operation of the dam has been adequate to the extent that the dam reportedly has never been overtopped.

Maintenance documentation is poor and maintenance has been inadequate in the following areas:

- 1) Trees and brush on embankment.
- 2) Debris in spillway discharge channel.
- 3) Outlet works not functioning properly.
- 4) Spalled and deteriorated concrete and cracks on spillway training walls.

## SECTION 5: HYDRAULIC/HYDROLOGIC

### 5.1 Evaluation of Features

#### a. Design Data

The quantity of storm water runoff that the spillway should be able to handle is based on the size and hazard classification of the dam. This runoff quantity, called the spillway design flood (SDF) is described in terms of return frequency or probable maximum flood (PMF) depending on the extent of the dam's size and potential hazard. According to the "Recommended Guidelines for Safety Inspection of Dams" published by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the SDF for Cherokee Lake Dam falls in a range of 100-year frequency to 1/2 PMF. In this case, the low end of the range, 100-year frequency, is chosen since the factors used to select size and hazard classification are on the low side of their respective ranges.

The SDF inflow hydrograph for Cherokee Lake Dam (See Appendix 4) was calculated by the Soil Conservation Service Triangular Unit hydrograph method with the curvilinear transformation utilizing the HEC-1-DAM computer program.

General hydrologic characteristics used in this method were computed using USGS quadrangles. The drainage area contributing to the impoundment is 0.52 square miles. Most of the water shed is suburban and farm land. The SDF peak inflow was computed to be 739 c.f.s.

The spillway discharge rates were computed by the use of a weir formulae appropriate for the configurations of the principal and emergency spillways. The total spillway discharge with lake level equal to the top of the dam was computed to be 412 c.f.s. The SDF was routed through the dam by use of the

HEC-1-DAM computer program using the modified Puls Method. In routing the SDF, it was found that the dam crest would be overtopped by a depth of 0.3 feet. Accordingly, the subject spillways are assessed as being inadequate in accordance with criteria developed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

A dam breach analysis was then performed using a trapezoidal breach section with bottom length of 200 feet and sideslopes of 1 horizontal to 1 vertical. The breach peak outflow was computed to be 1850 c.f.s. Dam breach computations are contained in Appendix 4.

The breach analysis indicates that dam failure from overtopping would not cause inundation of the two dwellings located 2200 feet downstream from the dam.

b. Experience Data

Reportedly Cherokee Lake Dam has never experienced overtopping or flow through the emergency spillway since construction in 1948.

c. Visual Observation

At the time of the field inspections there was no evidence of recent overtopping or flow in the emergency spillway.

d. Overtopping Potential

As indicated in paragraph 5.1.a. a storm of magnitude equal to the SDF would cause overtopping of the dam to a height of 0.3 feet over the crest of the dam. The elevation of the crest of dam was taken to be 937.5 which is the lower portion of the embankment crest observed at the time of inspection. The maximum crest elevation was measured to be 938.4. The spillways



are capable of passing approximately 56 percent of the SDF with the lake level equal to elevation 937.5.

The lower portion of the embankment crest appeared to be the same portion noted by the State Water Policy Commission in 1948 as having settled.

e. Drawdown Time

Reportedly, the lake has never been drawn down, therefore experience data is not available. Based on available information the calculated drawdown time (See Appendix 4) would be approximately 1.7 days.

## SECTION 6: STRUCTURAL STABILITY

### 6.1 Evaluation of Structural Stability

#### a. Visual Observation

The dam appeared, at the time of inspection to be outwardly structurally sound with no evidence of embankment cracks or distress. Evidence of seepage was observed at two locations along the toe of dam, but does not appear to be an indication of distress in the embankment.

#### b. Generalized Soils Description

Generally, surficial soils at the dam site consist of silt, silty clay and silty sand, usually containing considerable rock fragments overlying the Gneissic bedrock.

#### c. Design and Construction Data

The analysis of structural stability and construction data for the embankments are not available.

#### d. Operating Records

Operating records for the dam and appurtenances are not available.

#### e. Post Construction Changes

Based on construction drawings in the NJDEP file and field inspections, there have been no external changes in the dam or appurtenances since their construction in 1948. A diversion channel is located along a portion of the toe of dam and could comprise a post construction change.

f. Seismic Stability

Cherokee Lake Dam is located in Seismic Zone 1 as defined in "Recommended Guidelines for Safety Inspection of Dams," which is a zone of very low seismic activity. Experience indicates that dams in Seismic Zone 1 will have adequate stability under seismic loading conditions, if stable under static loading conditions. This dam appears to be stable under static loading based on field inspection observations.

## SECTION 7: ASSESSMENT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

### 7.1 Dam Assessment

#### a. Safety

Based on the hydraulic and hydrologic analyses outlined in Section 5 and appendix 4, the spillway of Cherokee Lake Dam is assessed as being inadequate. The spillways are not able to pass the SDF without an overtopping of the dam.

The embankment appeared at the time of inspection, to be generally outwardly stable. Observed seepage at the toe was not considered to be evidence of immediate dam instability.

#### b. Adequacy of Information

Information sources for this study included: 1) field investigations, 2) data from the NJDEP file (dam inspection reports, correspondence and the "Application for Permit for Construction or Repair of Dam"), 3) original construction drawings for the dam, 4) USGS quadrangles and 5) consultation with Diocese of Paterson, N.J. personnel. This information is adequate for a Phase I Assessment as outlined in "Recommended Guidelines for Safety Inspection of Dams."

#### c. Necessity for Additional Data/Evaluation

The data available and the evaluations performed are considered to be sufficient to permit a Phase I assessment of Cherokee Lake Dam.

## 7.2 Recommendations

### a. Remedial Measures

Based on hydraulic and hydrologic analyses outlined in paragraph 5.1.a, the spillway is considered to be inadequate. It is therefore recommended that a professional engineer experienced in the design and construction of dams be engaged in the near future to perform more accurate hydraulic and hydrologic analyses relating to spillway capacity. Based on the findings of these analyses, the need for and type of remedial measures should be determined and then implemented.

The owner should, in the near future, develop an emergency action plan together with an effective warning system outlining actions to be taken by the operator to minimize downstream effects of an emergency at the dam.

In addition, it is recommended that the following remedial measures be undertaken in the near future:

- 1) All trees and adverse vegetation on the embankment should be removed and the surfaces properly stabilized.
- 2) The outlet works should be investigated with respect to operational adequacy and then restored to proper operational condition.
- 3) The spillway structure should be thoroughly inspected with the lake drawn down. Spalled and deteriorated portions of the concrete should be repaired.
- 4) The embankment should be regraded to bring the low portion of the crest up to the elevation of the remainder of the embankment.

- 5) The downstream channel in the vicinity of the dam should be adequately protected against erosion.
- 6) The diversion channel should be adequately protected against erosion; especially along the toe of dam to prevent undermining of the embankment.
- 7) Debris in the downstream channel in the vicinity of the dam should be removed.

In the near future, the owner of the dam should develop written operating procedures and a periodic maintenance plan to insure the safety of the dam.

b. Maintenance

In the future, the owner of the dam should develop written operating procedures and a periodic maintenance plan to ensure the safety of the dam.

c. Additional Studies

Two areas of seepage were observed at the toe of dam. Arrangements should be made in the near future to monitor the seepage in order to detect any changes in its condition. The monitoring should be performed by a professional engineer experienced in the design and construction of dams.

PLATES

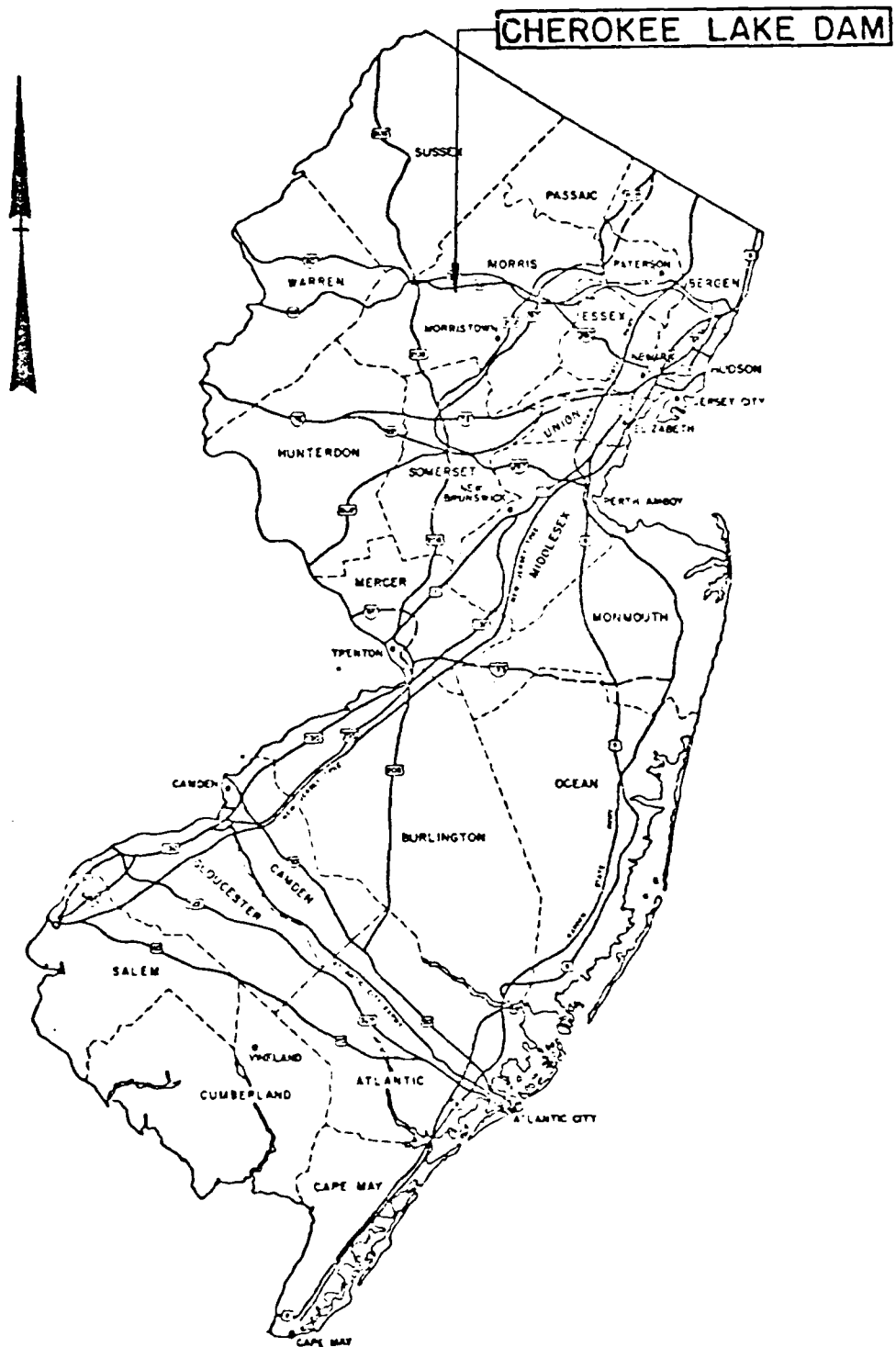


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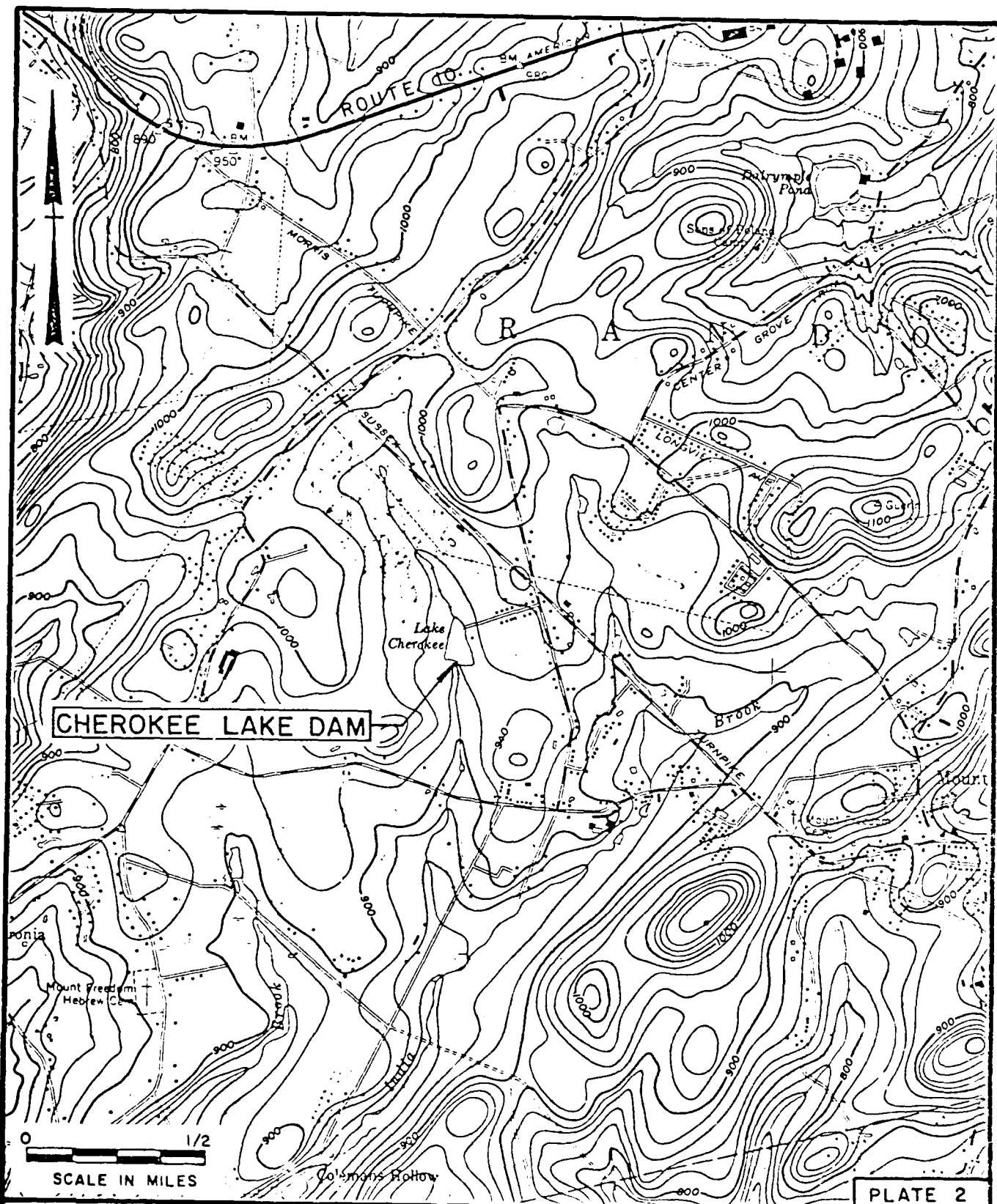
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**KEY MAP**

CHEROKEE LAKE DAM

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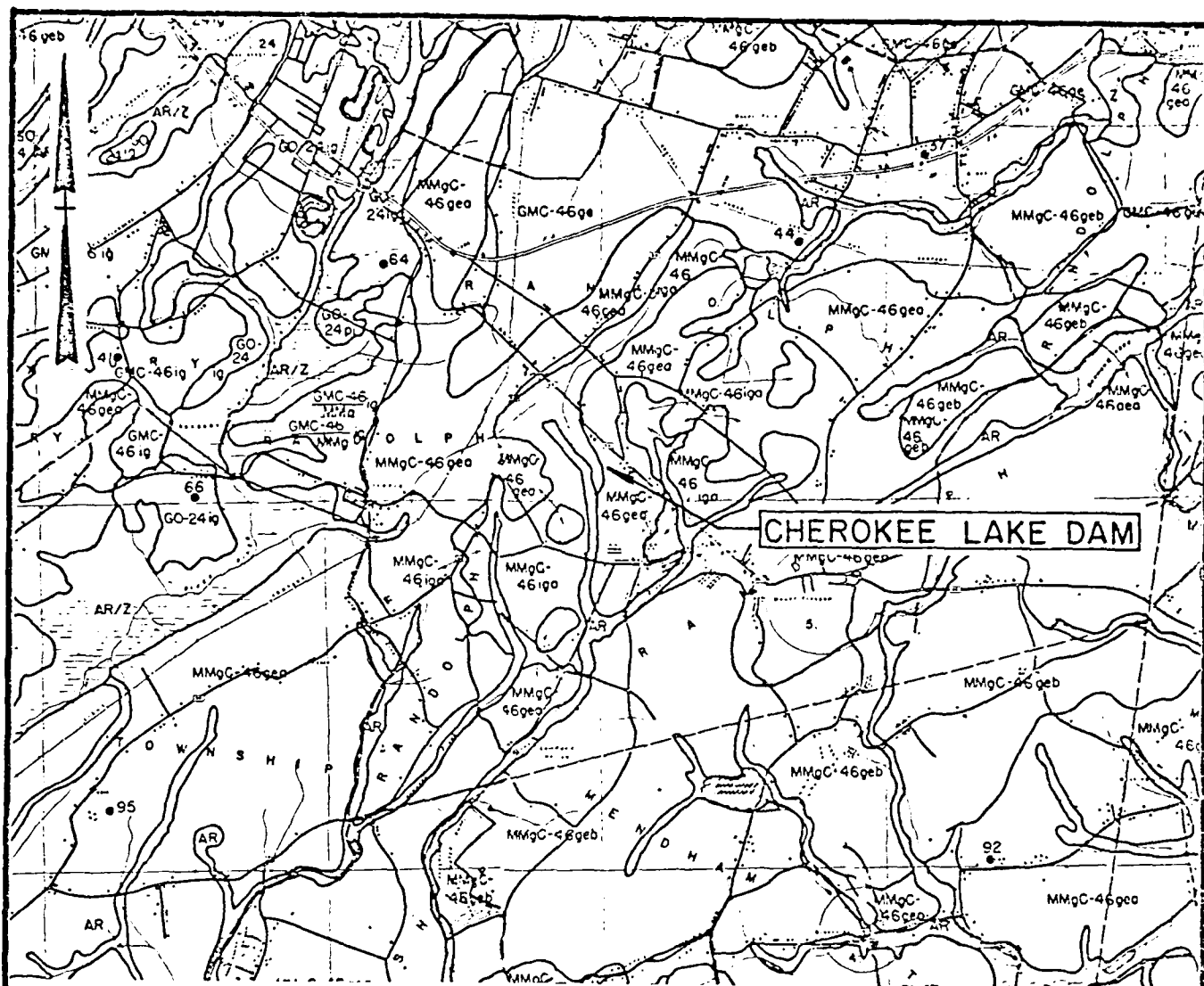
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# VICINITY MAP CHEROKEE LAKE DAM

SCALE: AS SHOWN

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### Legend

MMgC-46      Silt, silty clay and silty sand, usually containing considerable rock fragments overlying Gneissic bedrock.

Note: Information taken from: Rutgers University Engineering Soil Survey of New Jersey, Report No. 9, Morris County, November 1953 and Geologic Map of New Jersey prepared by J. V. Lewis and H. Kummel 1910-1912, revised by H. B. Kummel 1931 and M. Johnson 1950.

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# SOIL MAP

CHEROKEE LAKE DAM

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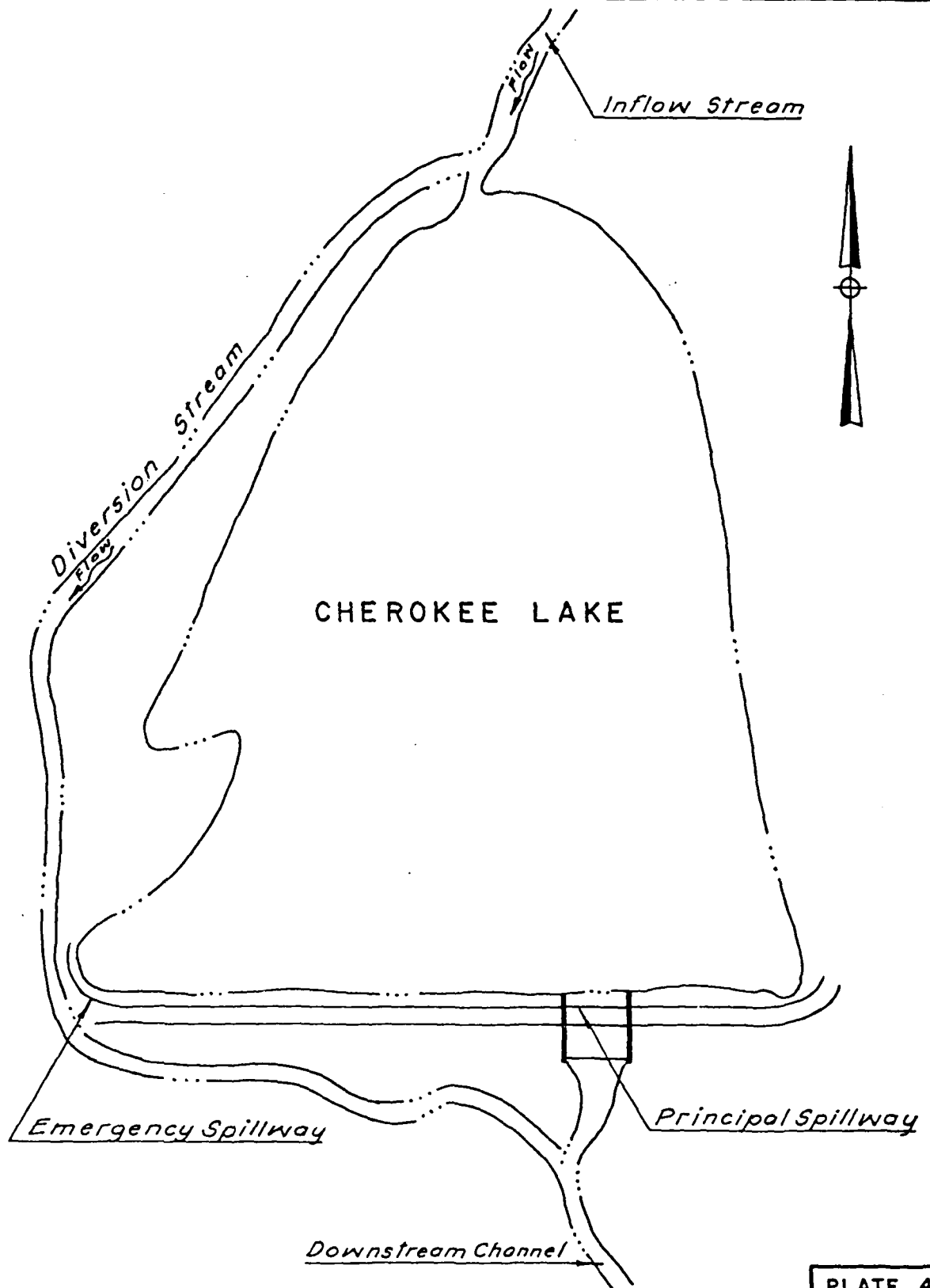


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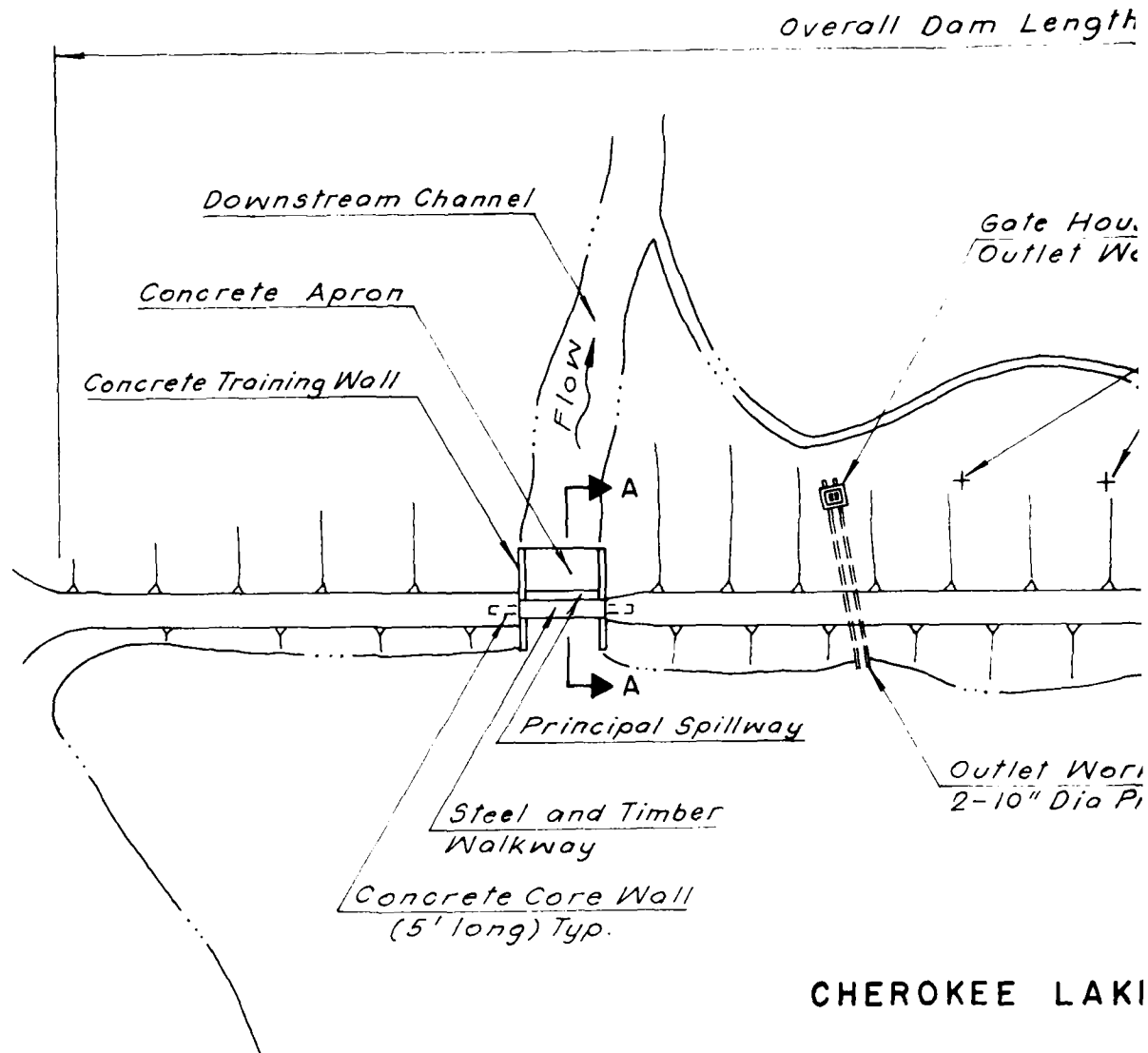
# INSPECTION AND EVALUATION OF DAMS OVERVIEW

## CHEROKEE LAKE DAM

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 December 24, 1980

m Length = 680'

Gate Housing For  
Outlet Works

Seepage

Diversion Stream

Downstream Face  
of Embankment

Crest of Dam

Emergency Spillway

Outlet Works  
10" Dia Pipes

Upstream Face  
of Embankment

E LAKE

PLATE 5

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GENERAL PLAN  
CHEROKEE LAKE DAM

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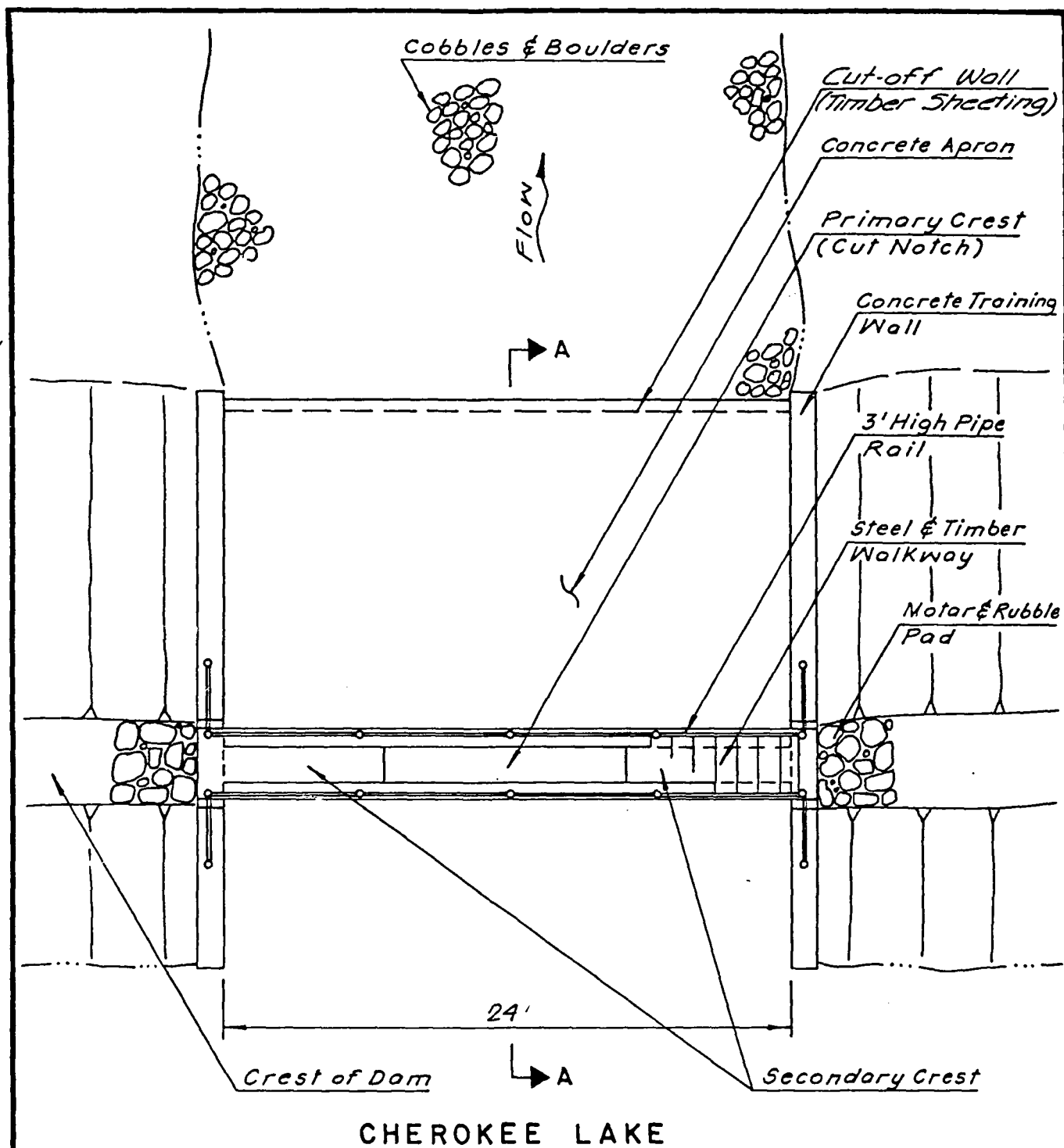


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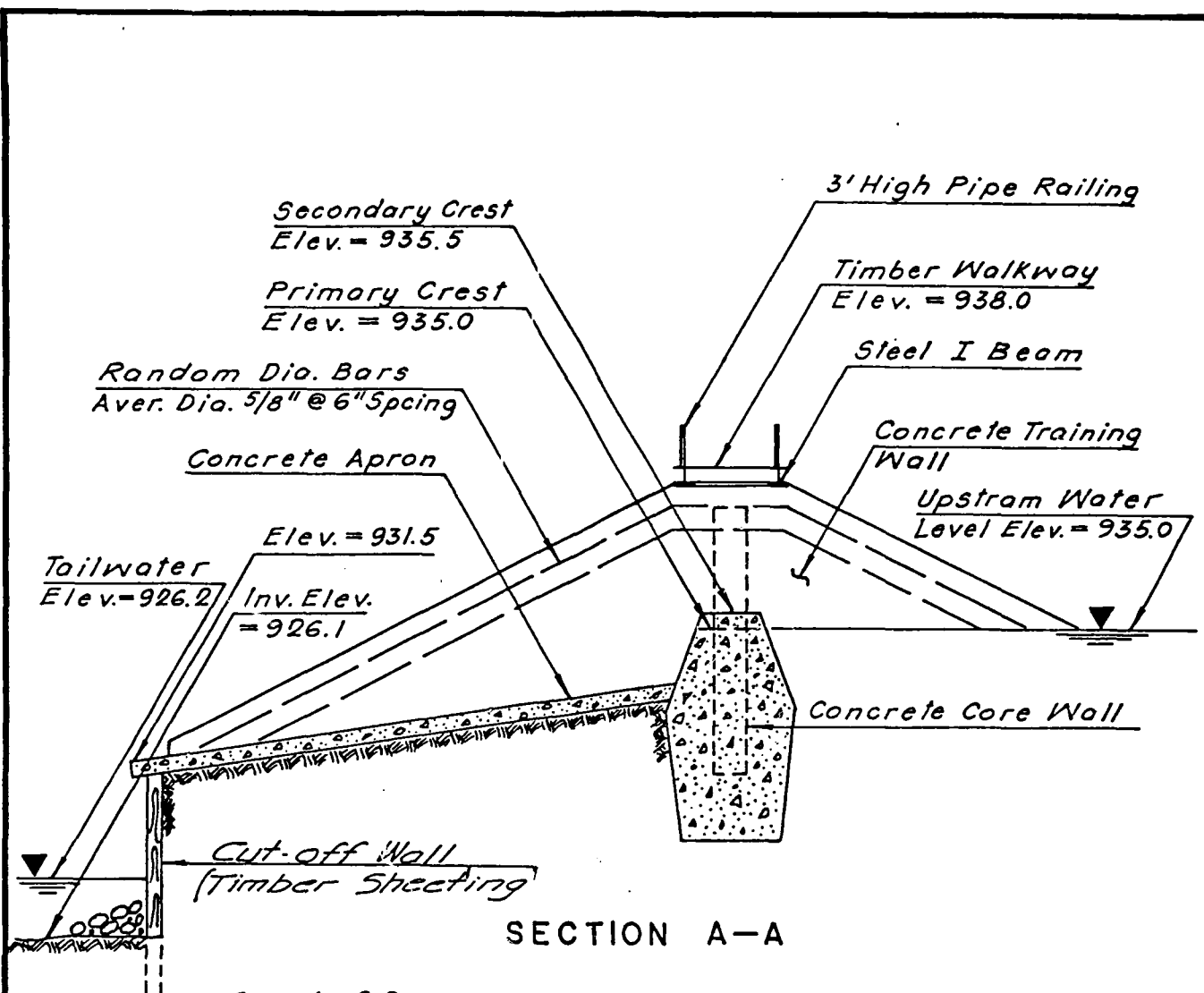
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CHEROKEE LAKE DAM

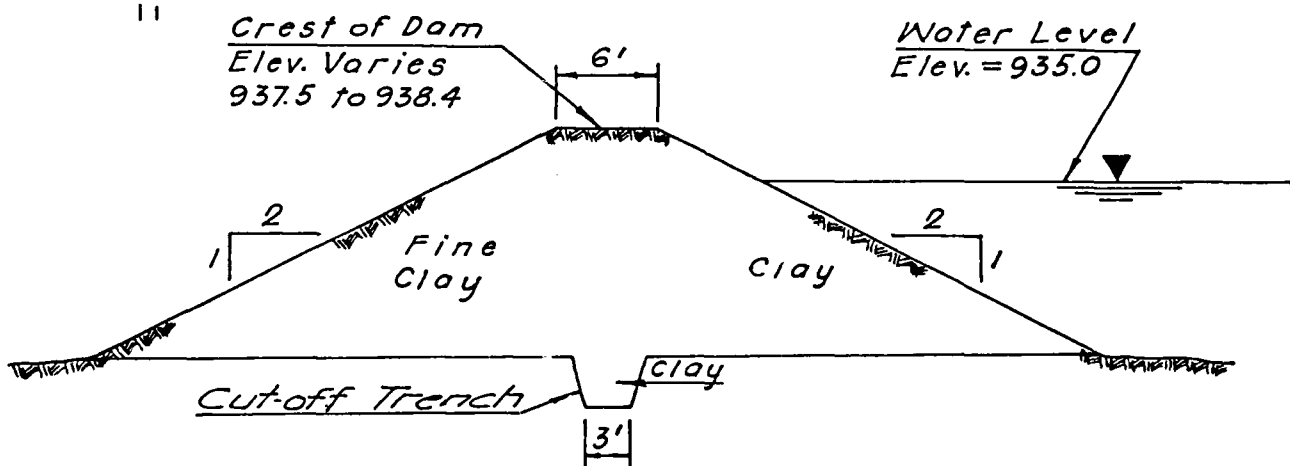
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SECTION A-A



TYPICAL DAM SECTION

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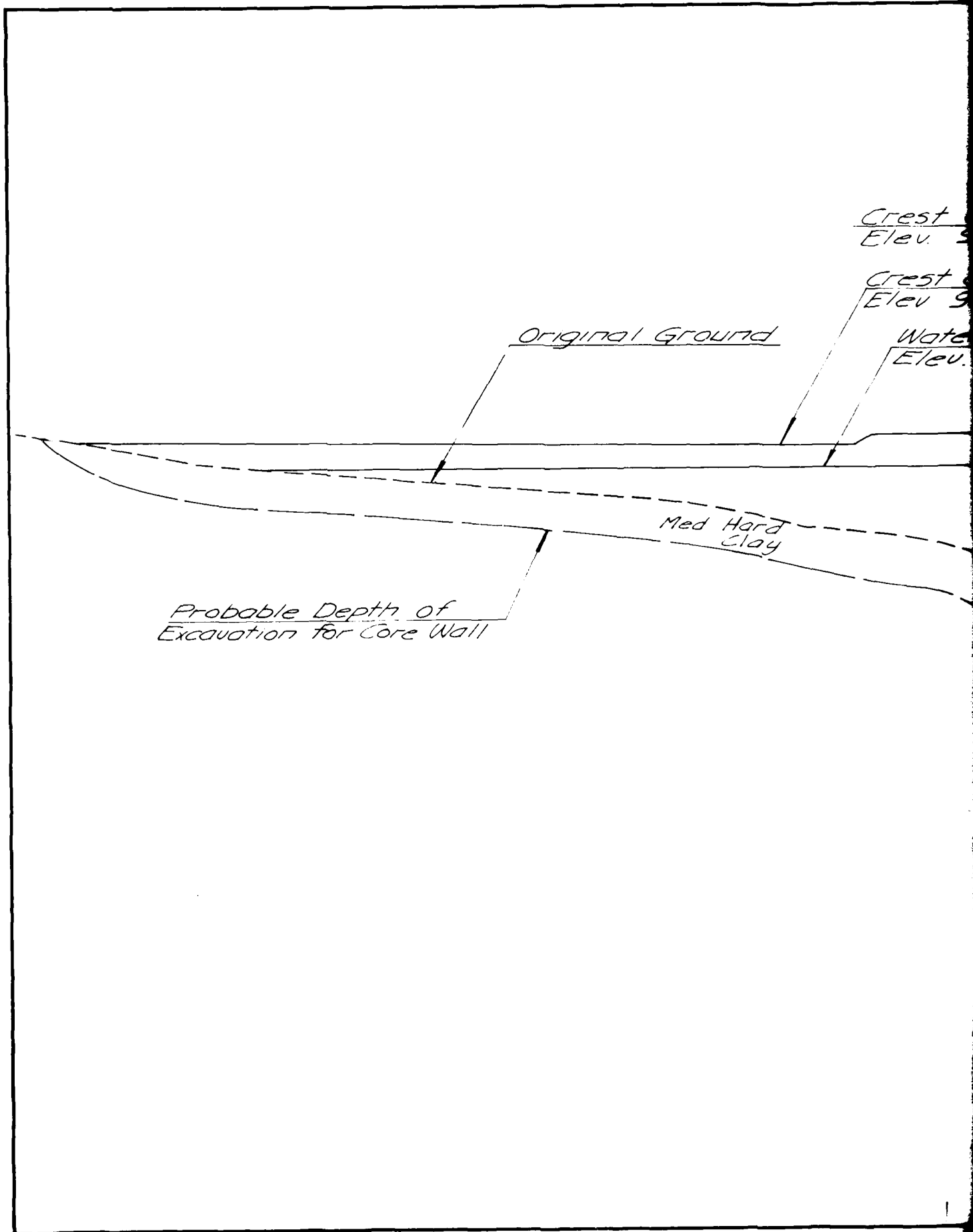
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Crest of Dam  
Elev. 938.4

Crest of Dam  
Elev. 937.5

Water Level  
Elev. 935.0

Secondary Weir  
Elev. 935.6

Pedestrian Bridge

Primary Weir  
Elev. 935.0

Med Hard  
Clay

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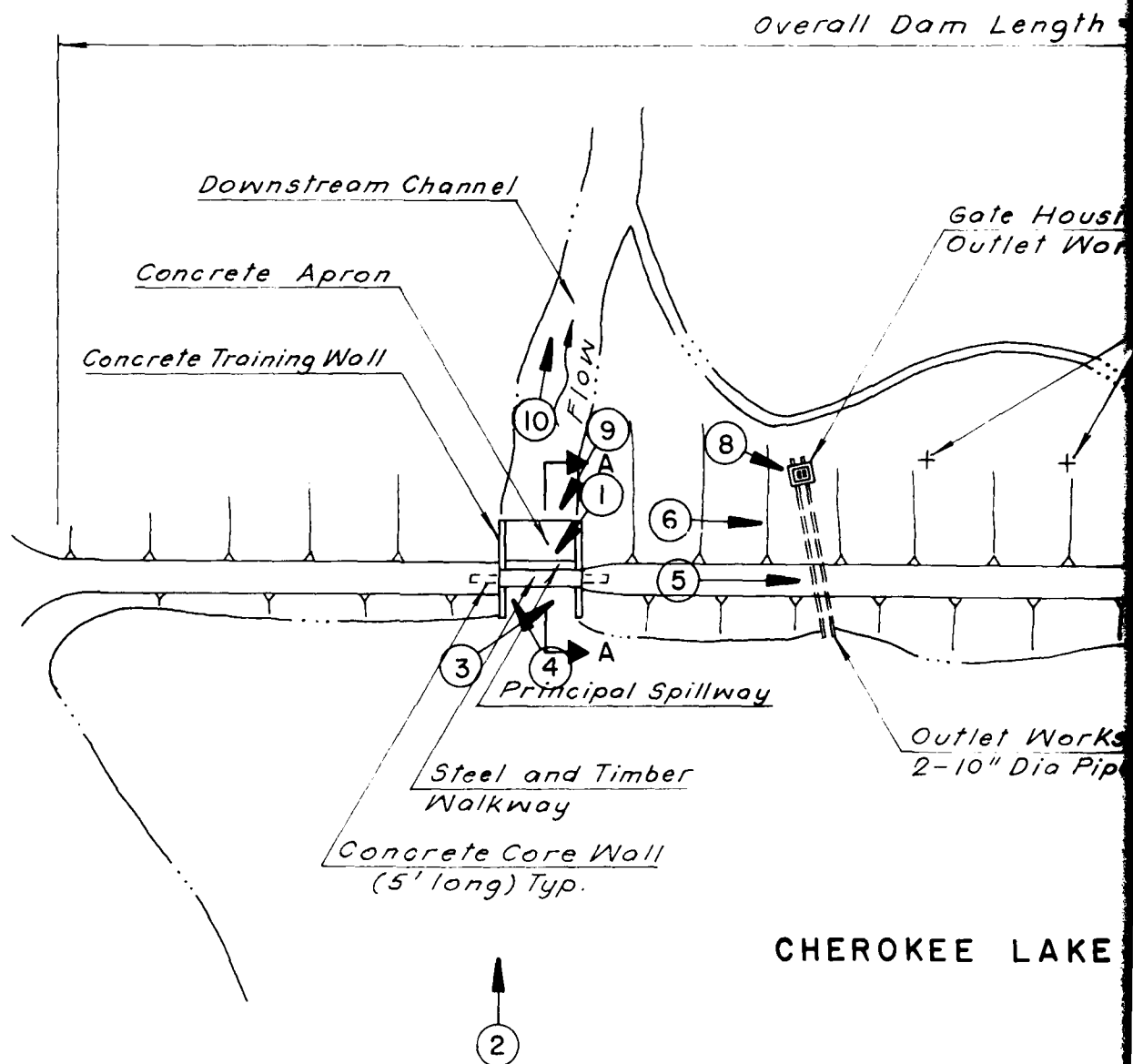
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CHEROKEE LAKE DAM

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Downstream Face  
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Crest of Dam

Emergency Spillway

Outlet Works  
10" Dia Pipes

Upstream Face  
of Embankment

E LAKE

7

20'

OVERVIEW

PLATE 9

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PHOTO LOCATION PLAN  
CHEROKEE LAKE DAM

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## APPENDIX 1

Check List - Visual Inspection

Check List - Engineering Data

Check List

Visual Inspection

Phase I

Name of Dam Cherokee Lake Dam County Morris State N.J. Coordinators NJDEP

Date(s) Inspection 12/24/80 Weather Cloudy Temperature 30°F

Pool Elevation at time of Inspection 935.0 M.S.L. Tailwater at Time of Inspection 926.2 M.S.L.

Inspection Personnel:

John Gribbin Mark Brady

Charles Osterkorn Richard McDermott

~~Daniel Buckelew~~

John Gribbin Recorder

# EMBANKMENT

VISUAL EXAMINATION OF	OBSERVATIONS	REMARKS OR RECOMMENDATIONS
GENERAL	Upstream and downstream sides overgrown with trees (2" to 12"), bushes and briars.	Trees and adverse vegetation should be removed.
JUNCTION OF EMBANKMENT AND ABUTMENT, SPILLWAY AND DAM	Junctions appeared stable.	
ANY NOTICEABLE SEEPAGE	Two areas of seepage at toe-observed as soft spongy areas with standing water. The water was not frozen although lake water was frozen. One area, about 20' right of outlet works, measured 1' square; the other, about 40' right of outlet, measured 5' by 8'. Also, wet, spongy condition in bottom of outlet gate housing.	Seepage should be monitored.
STAFF GAGE AND RECORDER	None observed.	
DRAINS	None observed.	

# EMBANKMENT

VISUAL EXAMINATION	OBSERVATIONS	REMARKS OR RECOMMENDATIONS
SURFACE CRACKS	None observed.	
UNUSUAL MOVEMENT OR CRACKING AT OR BEYOND THE TOE	None observed.	
SLOUGHING OR EROSION OF EMBANKMENT AND ABUTMENT SLOPES	None observed.	
VERTICAL AND HORIZONTAL ALIGNMENT OF THE CREST	<p>Vertical:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Section at right end about 285' long irregular with approx. elev. 937.5</li> <li>2. Remainder generally level at elev. 938.4</li> </ol> <p>Horizontal: generally straight</p>	Downstream side steeper in area of lower crest elev. than in remainder of embankment.
RIPRAP	None observed.	

# OUTLET WORKS

VISUAL EXAMINATION OF	OBSERVATIONS	REMARKS OR RECOMMENDATIONS
CONCRETE SURFACES IN OUTLET CONDUIT	Could not be observed.	
INTAKE STRUCTURE	Submerged, could not be observed.	
OUTLET STRUCTURE	Could not be observed. However, outlet appeared to be located at gate housing.	
OUTLET CHANNEL	Outlet discharges into earth channel which extends to the diversion channel about 10 feet from the gate housing.	
GATE AND GATE HOUSING	Cinder block gate housing in deteriorated condition. Timber roof almost completely deteriorated and displaced. Left cinder block wall collapsed and resting on left gate operating mechanism. Gate operating mechanisms were severely rusted and did not appear to be operational.	Outlet works should be restored to operational condition.



# SPILLWAY

VISUAL EXAMINATION OF	OBSERVATIONS	REMARKS OR RECOMMENDATIONS
WEIR	Primary crest significantly spalled and eroded due to overflow. Secondary weir in generally satisfactory condition.	Primary weir crest should be repaired
TRAINING WALLS	Left wall severely deteriorated. Upstream end at water line completely spalled leaving wall suspended and reinforcing exposed. Also, about 50% of surface of wall spalled. Right wall moderately deteriorated with surface cracks and spalling at upstream and downstream ends.	Training walls should be repaired.
APRON	Appeared generally sound with surface significantly eroded by water flow. Timber sheeting cut-off wall below downstream end appeared sound but was almost completely obscured by ice and snow.	
DISCHARGE CHANNEL	Spillway discharges directly into downstream channel.	
BRIDGE	Pedestrian bridge generally sound although walkway and railings significantly rusted. Also, chicken wire on railings severely rusted and partially displaced.	

# INSTRUMENTATION

VISUAL EXAMINATION OF	OBSERVATIONS	REMARKS OR RECOMMENDATIONS
MONUMENTATION/SURVEYS	None	
OBSERVATION WELLS	None	
WEIRS	None	
PIEZOMETERS	None	
OTHER		

# RESERVOIR

VISUAL EXAMINATION OF	OBSERVATIONS	REMARKS OR RECOMMENDATIONS
SLOPES	Upstream and right side wooded with 3' to 5' banks and moderate (4%) terrain beyond. Left side grass covered with beach comprising a portion of shore. Slopes approx. 8%.	
SEDIMENTATION	Unknown.	
STRUCTURES ALONG BANKS	None observed.	

# DOWNSTREAM CHANNEL

VISUAL EXAMINATION OF	OBSERVATIONS	REMARKS OR RECOMMENDATIONS
CONDITION (OBSTRUCTION, DEBRIS, ETC.)	Natural stream with cobble lined bed. Channel banks thickly wooded with significant erosion in vicinity of dam. Debris observed in channel within 100' of dam. Diversion channel joins downstream channel about 75' downstream from dam. Diversion channel significantly eroded at bend point adjacent to right end of dam; erosion extends 2½' to 3' above invert.	Debris should be removed. Channel banks should be properly stabilized.
SLOPES	Banks about 3' to 5' high	
STRUCTURES ALONG BANKS	Road bridge (Calais Rd.) spans channel 2100' from dam. Two dwellings adjacent to stream 2200' from dam. Dwellings min. 10' above stream.	

CHECK LIST  
ENGINEERING DATA  
DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION

ITEM	REMARKS
DAM - PLAN SECTIONS	Available: Plans titled "Proposed Dam at Mt. Freedom" prepared by N.M. Lake, dated March 10, 1948 (4 sheets)
SPILLWAY - PLAN SECTIONS DETAILS	Available: N.M. Lake plans
OPERATING EQUIPMENT PLANS & DETAILS	Not Available
OUTLETS - PLAN DETAILS	Available: N.M. Lake plans
CONSTRAINTS	Not Available
DISCHARGE RATINGS	Not Available
HYDRAULIC/HYDROLOGIC DATA	Not Available
Available in NJDEP file	
RAINFALL/RESERVOIR RECORDS	Not Available
CONSTRUCTION HISTORY	Available: correspondence, inspection reports and monthly progress reports in NJDEP file
LOCATION MAP	Not Available

ITEM	REMARKS
DESIGN REPORTS	Not Available
GEOLOGY REPORTS	Not Available
DESIGN COMPUTATIONS HYDROLOGY & HYDRAULICS DAM INSTABILITY SEEPAGE STUDIES	Available: hand written calculations in NJDEP file Not Available Not Available
MATERIALS INVESTIGATIONS BORING RECORDS LABORATORY FIELD	Not Available
POST-CONSTRUCTION SURVEYS OF DAM	Not Available
BORROW SOURCES	Not Available

ITEM	REMARKS
MONITORING SYSTEMS	Not Available
MODIFICATIONS	Correspondence in NJDEP file refers to addition of concrete apron and timber sheeting cutoff wall at spillway. These appeared to have been constructed.
HIGH POOL RECORDS	Not Available
POST CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING STUDIES AND REPORTS	Not Available
PRIOR ACCIDENTS OR FAILURE OF DAM DESCRIPTION REPORTS	Not Available
MAINTENANCE OPERATION RECORDS	Not Available

APPENDIX 2

*Photographs*





PHOTO 1

CREST OF SPILLWAY



PHOTO 2

UPSTREAM VIEW OF SPILLWAY

CHEROKEE LAKE DAM  
24 DECEMBER 1980



PHOTO 3

RIGHT SPILLWAY TRAINING WALL



PHOTO 4

LEFT SPILLWAY TRAINING WALL

CHEROKEE LAKE DAM

24 DECEMBER 1980



PHOTO 5  
CREST OF DAM



PHOTO 6  
DOWNSTREAM FACE OF DAM

CHEROKEE LAKE DAM

24 DECEMBER 1980



PHOTO 7

EMERGENCY SPILLWAY (LOW AREA ADJACENT TO RIGHT END OF DAM)



PHOTO 8

VALVES FOR OUTLET WORKS

CHEROKEE LAKE DAM

24 DECEMBER 1980



PHOTO 9

DOWNSTREAM END OF SPILLWAY APRON



PHOTO 10

DOWNSTREAM CHANNEL

CHEROKEE LAKE DAM

24 DECEMBER 1980

APPENDIX 3

Engineering Data

CHECK LIST

HYDROLOGIC AND HYDRAULIC DATA

ENGINEERING DATA

DRAINAGE AREA CHARACTERISTICS: Wooded and residential

ELEVATION TOP NORMAL POOL (STORAGE CAPACITY): 935.0 (35 acre ft.)

ELEVATION TOP FLOOD CONTROL POOL (STORAGE CAPACITY): N.A.

ELEVATION MAXIMUM DESIGN POOL: 937.8

ELEVATION TOP DAM: 937.5

PRINCIPAL SPILLWAY CREST: Uncontrolled Concrete Weirs

a. Elevation 935.0 (Primary) - 935.6 (Secondary)

b. Type Broad Crested Weirs

c. Width 1.5 Feet

d. Length 10.3 Feet (Primary) - 13.7 Feet (Secondary)

e. Location Spillover Center of Dam

f. Number and Type of Gates N.A.

AUXILIARY SPILLWAY CREST: Uncontrolled Grassed Channel

a. Elevation 936.0

b. Type Irregular Grassed Channel

c. Width --

d. Length 20.0 Feet

e. Location Spillover Adjacent to right end of dam

f. Number and Type of Gates N.A.

OUTLET WORKS:

- a. Type Twin Gated 10-inch pipes
- b. Location Near Center of Dam
- c. Entrance Invert 923.4
- d. Exit Invert 923.4
- e. Emergency Draindown Facilities: Gates Presently Not Operational

HYDROMETEOROLOGICAL GAGES: None

- a. Type N.A.
- b. Location N.A.
- c. Records N.A.

MAXIMUM NON-DAMAGING DISCHARGE:

(Lake Stage Equal to Top of Dam) 412 c.f.s.



APPENDIX 4

Hydraulic/Hydrologic Computations

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Project

CHEROKEE LAKE DAM

Sheet 1 of 14  
Made By JLP Date 1-30-81

Chkd By JG Date 3/2/81

## Hydrology

### Hydrologic Analysis:

Runoff hydrograph will be developed by  
HEC-1-DAM computer program using SCS  
triangular hydrograph with the curvilinear  
transformation.

Drainage Area = 0.52 sq. mi.

### Infiltration Data

Initial Infiltration  
Constant Infiltration

1.5 inches  
0.15 in./hr.

### Time of Concentration ( $t_c$ ) (Method #1)

By SCS TR-55

OVERLAND FLOW:

$L = 2100'$

$\Delta \text{ELEV} = 40'$

$S = 1.90\%$

$V = 0.30$  f.p.s.

Time =

1.94 Hr.

By SCS TR-55 (cont.)

Channel Flow:

$$L = 3000'$$

$$\Delta \text{Elev.} = 40'$$

$$S = 1.33\%$$

$$V = 2.25 \text{ f.p.s.}$$

$$\text{Time} =$$

$$t_c = \frac{0.37 \text{ Hr.}}{2.31 \text{ Hr.}}$$

Time of Concentration ( $t_c$ ) (Method #2)

by Kerby

Pg. 14-36 "HANDBOOK of Applied Hydrology" Chow

$$T_c = \frac{2.14}{\sqrt{S}} \frac{L^n}{V}$$

$T_c$  = Time of Concent.  
 $L$  = Length of Flow  
 $S$  = Slope  
 $n$  = Roughness Coeff.

OVERLAND Flow:

$$L = 2100'$$

$$S = 1.90\%$$

$$n = 0.40$$

$$\text{Time} =$$

$$0.28 \text{ Hr.}$$

Channel Flow:

$$L = 3,000'$$

$$S = 1.33\%$$

$$n = 0.10$$

$$0.19 \text{ Hr.}$$

Time of Concentration ( $t_c$ ) (Method #3)

N.J. Highway Authority &amp; D.E.P. Nomographs

Overland Flow:

$L = 2100'$

$S = 1.90\%$

Avg. Grass

Time =

0.72 Hr.

Channel Flow:

$L = 3,000'$

$\Delta \text{Elev.} = 160'$

Time =

0.20 Hr.

 $t_c =$ 

0.92 Hr.

Time of Concentration ( $t_c$ ) (Method #4)Texas Highway Dept. "Design of Small Dams" U.S.  
Dept. of Interior, pg. 70. & Naudocks TP-PW-5

Overland Flow:

$L = 2100'$

$S = 1.90\%$

$V = 1.0 \text{ f.p.s.}$

Time =

0.58 Hr.

Channel Flow:

$L = 3000'$

$S = 1.33\%$

$V = 2.0 \text{ f.p.s.}$

Time =

0.42 Hr.

 $t_c =$ 

1.00 Hr.

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CHEROKEE LAKE DAM

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Date 1-30-81

Chkd By JG

Date 3/2/81

Summary of  $T_c$  and Lag Time

Method #1

$$t_c = 2.31 \text{ Hr.}$$

Method #2

$$t_c = 0.47 \text{ Hr.}$$

Method #3

$$t_c = 0.92 \text{ Hr.}$$

Method #4

$$t_c = 1.00 \text{ Hr.}$$

$$\text{USE } T_c = 1.2 \text{ Hr.}$$

$$\text{Lag Time} = 0.6 T_c = 0.6 (1.2) = 0.71 \text{ Hr.}$$

Precipitation

24 HOUR, 100-YEAR RAINSTORM  
DISTRIBUTION FOR CHEROKEE LAKE DAM

Time (Hr.)	Rain (inches)
1	0.075
2	0.075
3	0.075
4	0.075
5	0.075
6	0.075
7	0.075
8	0.075
9	0.075
10	0.075
11	0.075
12	0.075
13	0.15
14	0.15
15	0.15
16	0.33
17	0.65
18	3.00
19	0.65
20	0.33
21	0.33
22	0.15
23	0.15
24	0.15

7.09 inches Total

## ELEVATION - AREA TABLE

ELEV. (MSL)	AREA (AC.)
930.1	0
935.0	6.0
940.0	23.4
960.0	119.0

HEC-1-DAM COMPUTER Program will develop storage capacity from surface areas & elevations.

Information taken from U.S.G.S. Quadrangle, Mendham, N.J.

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DIVERSION STREAM

Portion of inflow is diverted around lake by  
diversion stream during low flow conditions.

(see Plate 4). However, for routing purposes,  
all inflow will be assumed to enter the  
lake during storm events.



HYDRAULICSStage Discharge CalculationSpillway Capacity:

The spillways at Cherokee Lake Dam consist of the following: a principal spillway with a 2-stage concrete weir and an emergency spillway consisting of a grassed low area adjacent to the right end of the dam. The primary and secondary weirs of the spillway are broad crested weirs with effective lengths of 10.3' and 13.7' respectively. The emergency spillway has an effective width of 20'.

Discharge  $Q$ , can be calculated by:

$$Q = CLh^{3/2}$$

where:

$Q$  = discharge over spillway  
 $C$  = discharge coefficient  
 $L$  = effective length of spillway  
 $h$  = total head on spillway

Values for the discharge coefficient, "C" were taken from the "Handbook of Hydraulics" by V. T. T. Brater

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## SPILLWAY STAGE DISCHARGE TABULATION

ELEV.	PRIMARY			SECONDARY			EMERGENCY			TOTAL
	C	L	R	C	L	h	C	L	R	
935.0	2.64	10.3	0.0	2.64	3.7	0.0	3.00	20.0	0	0
935.6	2.64	10.3	0.6	2.64	3.7	0.0	3.00	20.0	0	13
935.96	2.75	10.3	0.96	2.64	3.7	0.36	3.00	20.0	0	34
936.0	2.75	10.3	1.00	2.64	3.7	0.40	3.00	20.0	0.04	38
937.0	3.03	10.3	2.00	2.92	3.7	1.40	3.00	20.0	1.04	218
938.0	3.32	10.3	3.00	3.28	3.7	2.40	3.00	20.0	2.04	460
938.32	3.32	10.3	3.32	3.32	3.7	2.72	3.00	20.0	2.36	628
939.0	3.32	10.3	4.00	3.32	3.7	3.40	3.00	20.0	3.04	877
940.0	3.32	10.3	5.00	3.32	3.7	4.40	3.00	20.0	4.04	1289
941.0	3.32	10.3	6.00	3.32	3.7	5.40	3.00	20.0	5.04	1752

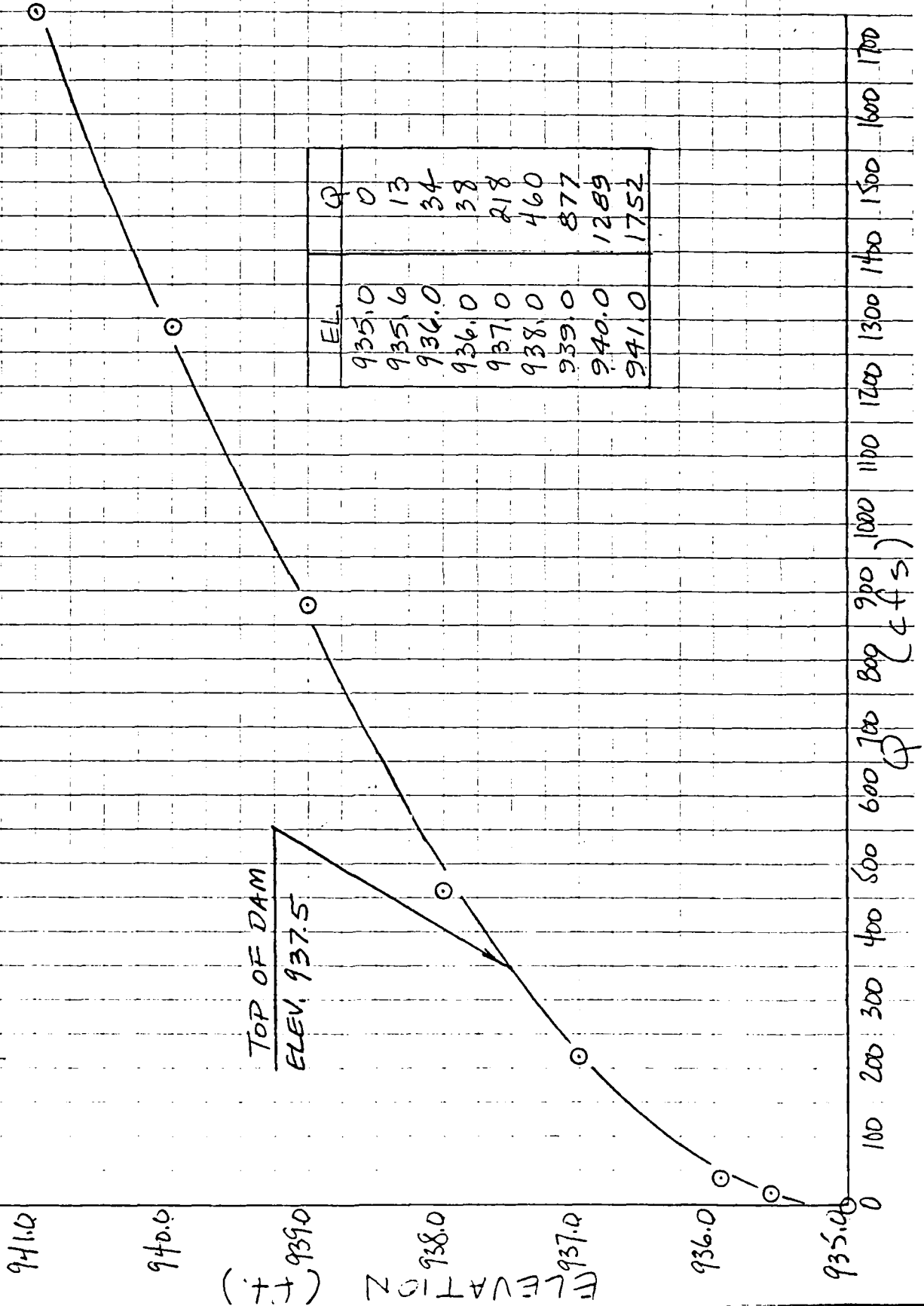
Note: Elev. of top of dam varies 937.5 to 938.4. Use 937.5.

Top of Dam  
Elev. 937.5Primary Spillway  
Elev. 935.0Secondary Spillway  
Elev. 935.6Emergency Spillway  
Elev. 936.0

FRONT ELEVATION

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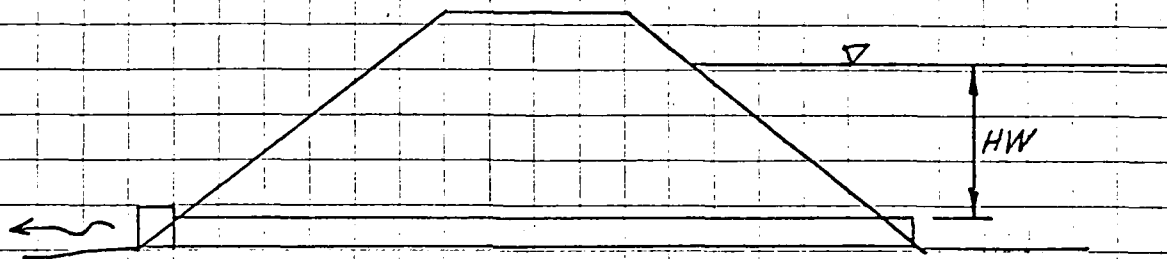
SPILLWAY STAGE DISCHARGE CURVE



Drawdown Capacity

Outlet works consist of twin 10-inch pipes.

Discharge is computed using "Hydraulic Charts For the Selection of Highway Culverts," Bureau of Public Roads, 1963, assuming inlet control.



Maximum discharge,  $HW = 10.8$   
 $Q = 10$  c.f.s.

Average discharge,  $HW = 5.4$   
 $Q = 5.5$  c.f.s. per pipe

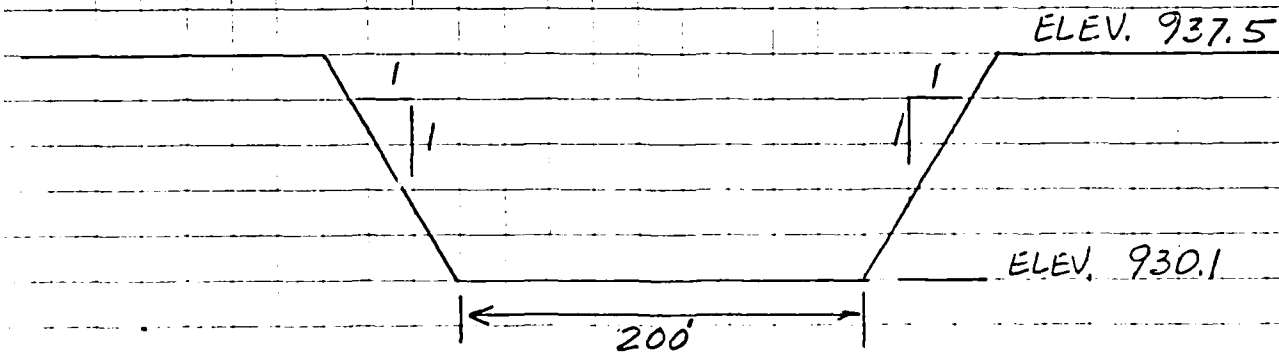
Drawdown

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Drawdown Time} &= \frac{\text{Storage at Spillway}}{\text{Aver. Discharge} - \text{Aver. Inflow}} \\
 &= \frac{3.5 \text{ acre-ft} \times 43560 \text{ sq. ft/acre}}{(11 \text{ cfs} - 0.5 \text{ cfs}) \times 3600 \text{ sec/hr}} \\
 &= 40.3 \text{ hr.} \\
 &= 1.7 \text{ days}
 \end{aligned}$$

## BREACH ANALYSIS

A BREACH HYDROGRAPH WILL BE COMPUTED BY THE HEZ-1-DAM PROGRAM AND ROUTED THROUGH TWO DOWNSTREAM REACHES BY THE MODIFIED PULS METHOD. THE ASSUMED BREACH CONDITIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. THE BREACH BEGINS WHEN THE WATER SURFACE ELEVATION REACHES 937.5.
2. TIME TO DEVELOP BREACH = 1.0 HR.
3. SECTION



FULLY DEVELOPED BREACH

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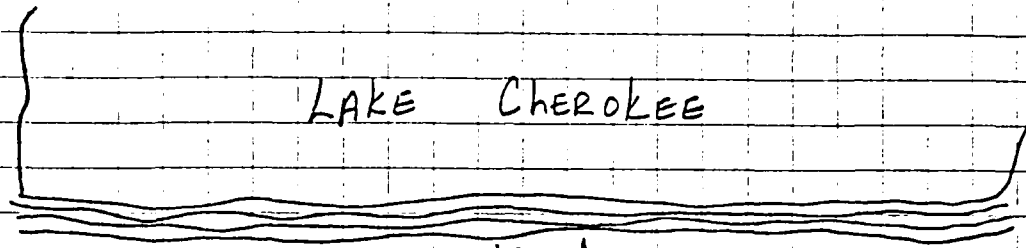
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LAKE CHEROKEE

Sta. 21+00  
Reach 1

CALAIS RD.

Reach 2  
Sta. 22+00

INV.  
880.0

F.F.  
900.0

F.F.  
893.5

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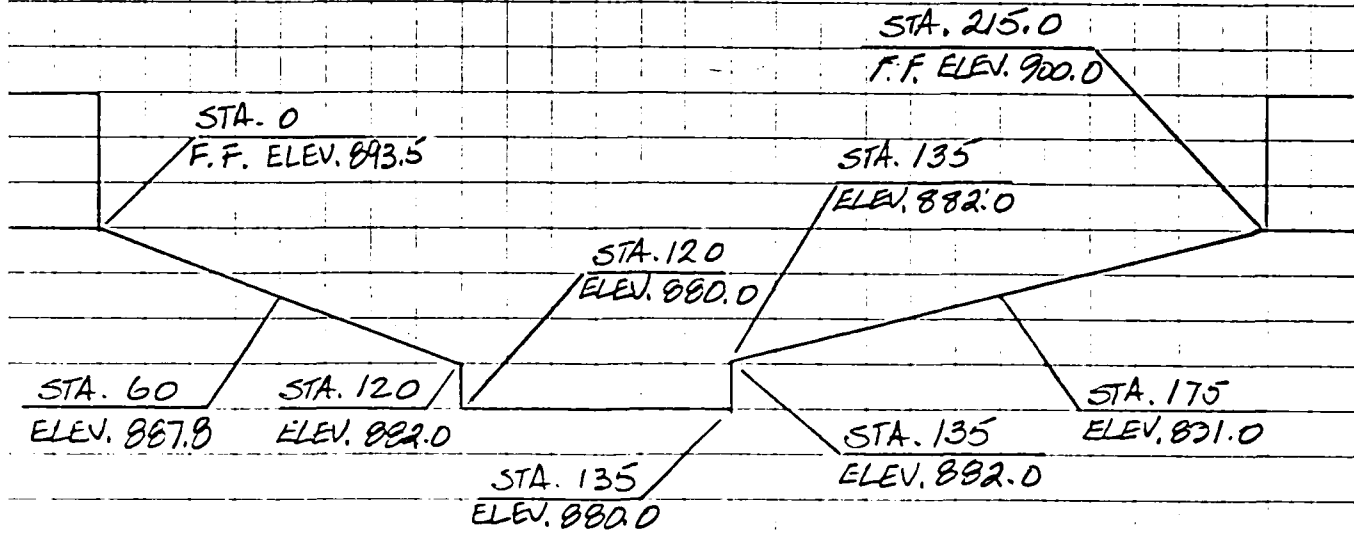
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CROSS SECTION END OF REACH 2

$$S = 0.018$$

BREACH RESULTS:

1. Peak Outflow = 1844 cfs
2. Maximum Channel Stage, Reach 2 = 885.8
3. Dwellings not inundated.

HEC - 1 - DAM PRINTOUT

Overtopping Analysis





NATIONAL DAM SAFETY PROGRAM  
CHEROKEE LAKE DAM, NEWJERSEY  
100 YEAR STORM ROUTING

JOB SPECIFICATION									
NO	MUR	NMIN	IDAY	IHR	IMIN	METRC	IFLT	IPRT	INSTAN
300	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	4	0
JOEER									
	5								
LEOPT									
	0								

MULTI-PLAN ANALYSES TO BE PERFORMED  
NFLAN= 1 RTIO= 1 LRTIO= 1

RTIO= 1.00

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SUB-AREA RUNOFF CORRECTION

INFLOW HYDROGRAPH TO CHEROKEE LAKE DAM

ISTAQ	ICOMP	IECON	ITAFE	JFLT	JFRT	INAME	ISTAGE	IAUTO
LAKE	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0

HYDROGRAPH DATA

IHYDG	IUNG	TAREA	SNAP	TKSDA	TKSFC	RATIO	ISNOW	ISAME	LOCAL
0	2	.52	0.00	.52	0.00	0.000	0	1	0

LOSS DATA

LEOPT	SIRKR	BLIKR	RIIOL	ERAIN	SIRKS	RIIOL	CHSTL	ALSMY	RIIMP
0	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	1.50	.15	0.00
									0.00

UNIT-HYDROGRAPH DATA

TC= 0.00 LAG= .71

RECESSION DATA

SIRIO= -1.00 ORCSN= -.05 RTIOR= 2.00

END-OF-PERIOD FLOW

MO.DA	HR.MN	PERIOD	RAIN	EXCS	LOSS	COMP	0	MO.DA	HR.MN	PERIOD	RAIN	EXCS	LOSS	COMP	0
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SUM 7.12 4.33 2.79 6259.  
( 181.)( 110.)( 71.)( 177.24)

## ROUTE DISCHARGE THROUGH DAM

PEAK OUTFLOW IS 723. AT TIME 18.50 HOURS

OPERATION STATION AREA PLAN RATIO 1 RATIOS APPLIED TO FLOWS  
1.00

HYDROGRAPH AT	LAKE	.52	1	739.
		(1.35)	(1)	(20.52)
ROUTED TO	DAM	.52	1	723.
		(1.35)	(1)	(20.48)
ROUTED TO	1	.52	1	720.
		(1.35)	(1)	(20.39)
ROUTED TO	2	.52	1	682.
		(1.35)	(1)	(19.31)

SUMMARY OF DAM SAFETY ANALYSIS

PLAN 1	INITIAL VALUE	SPILLWAY CREST	TOP OF DAM
	935.00	935.00	937.50
	35.	35.	59.
	0.	0.	412.

RATIO	MAXIMUM	MAXIMUM	MAXIMUM	DURATION	TIME OF	TIME OF
OF	RESERVOIR	STORAGE	OUTFLOW	OVER-TOP	MAX OUTFLOW	FAILURE
PMF	W.S.ELEV	AC-FT	CFS	HOURS	HOURS	HOURS
1.00	937.74	62.	723.	1.00	18.50	0.00

PLAN 1 STATION 1

MAXIMUM	MAXIMUM	TIME
FLOW, CFS	STAGE, FT	HOURS
1.00	920.0	18.50

PLAN 1 STATION 2

MAXIMUM	MAXIMUM	TIME
FLOW, CFS	STAGE, FT	HOURS
1.00	883.6	18.50

HEC - 1 - DAM PRINTOUT

Breach Analysis

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# HYDROGRAPH ROUTING

## ROUTE DISCHARGE THROUGH DAM

	ISTAQ	ICOMP	IECON	ITAFE	JPLT	JFRT	INANE	ISTAGE	IAUTO
	DAM	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ROUTING DATA								
	QLOSS	CLOSS	AVG	IRCS	ISAME	IOPT	IFMP	LSTR	
	0.0	0.000	0.00	1	1	0	0	0	
	NSTPS NSTDL LAG ANSKK X TSK STORA ISPRAT								
	1	0	0	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	-935.	-1
STAGE	935.00	935.90	936.00	937.00	938.00	939.00	940.00	941.00	
FLOW	0.00	12.60	40.30	44.70	260.20	563.70	1051.90	1544.80	2097.60
SURFACE AREA	0.	3.	6.	23.	119.				
CAPACITY	0.	0.	35.	104.	1408.				
ELEVATION	926.	927.	935.	940.	960.				
	CREL	SEWID	COOW	EXEW	ELEUL	COOL	CAREA	EXPL	
	935.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
	DAM DATA								
	TOPEL	COQU	EXFO	DOMWID					
	937.5	2.6	1.5	656.					
	DAM BREACH DATA								
	BRWID	Z	ELRM	TFAIL	WSEL	FAILEL			
	200.	1.00	936.10	1.00	935.00	937.50			

BEGIN DAM FAILURE AT 18.25 HOURS

PEAK OUTFLOW IS 1850. AT TIME 18.52 HOURS

OPERATION	STATION	AREA	PLAN	RATIO	RATIOS APPLIED TO FLOWS
				1	1.00

HYDROGRAPH AT	LAKE	.52 ( 1.35)	1 ( 20.92)	739. ( 20.92)	
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ROUTED TO	DAM	.52 ( 1.35)	1 ( 52.22)	1844. ( 52.22)	
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ROUTED TO	1	.52 ( 1.35)	1 ( 49.96)	1764. ( 49.96)	
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ROUTED TO	2	.52 ( 1.35)	1 ( 48.00)	1695. ( 48.00)	
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# SUMMARY OF DAM SAFETY ANALYSIS

PLAN 1 .....	INITIAL VALUE	SPILLWAY CREST	TOP OF DAM		
	935.00	935.00	937.50		
	35.	35.	59.		
	0.	0.	412.		

RATIO OF PMF	MAXIMUM RESERVOIR U.G. ELEV	MAXIMUM DEPTH OVER DAM	MAXIMUM STORAGE AG-FT	MAXIMUM OUTFLOW CFS	DURATION OVER TOP HOURS	TIME OF MAX OUTFLOW HOURS	TIME OF FAILURE HOURS
1.00	937.66	.16	61.	1850.	.35	18.52	18.25

PLAN 1	STATION	1					
			MAXIMUM FLOW,CFS	MAXIMUM STAGE,FT	TIME HOURS		
1.00	1764.	921.7	18.50				

PLAN 1	STATION	2					
			MAXIMUM FLOW,CFS	MAXIMUM STAGE,FT	TIME HOURS		
1.00	1695.	885.8	18.75				



APPENDIX 5

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